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1. IN A LETTER ADDRESSED TO THE LABOR UNIONS AND PUBLISHED IN
NOTRE COMBAT ON JAN 19 (OFFICIAL GOUV DAILY) PRESIDENT LAMIZANA
INVITED THE UNIONS TO CONFER WITH HIM ON JAN 24 (REFTEL A).

2. LAMIZANA ANNOUNCED THAT THREE IMPORTANT THINGS WOULD BE DONE
AT THE SAME TIME AS THE CONSULTATIONS:

A. A COVISSION TO REVISE THE MINIMUM WAGE PLAN WOULD BE
CREATED AND CHAEGED TO BEGIN ITS WORK ASAP.

B. A COMPLETE FILE WOULD BE ESTABLISHED ON THE NATIONAL
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WATER SOCIETY POLICIES AND OPERATIONS.

C. THE JUDICIARY WOULD BEGIN INVESTIGATING THE CHARGES
OF CURRPPTION LEVELED AGAINST THE MEMBERS OF HIS GOVERNMENT.

3. THE PRESIDENT CONCLUDED HIS LETTER REMARKING THAT SO FAR
THROUGH DIALOGUE AN ATMOSPHERE CONDUCIVE TO FINDING A
COMMON SOLUTION TO THE NATION'S PROBLEMS HAD BEEN CREATED.
IT WAS IN THE INTEREST OF THE NATION THAT CALMNESS AND
GOOD FAITH GUIDE ALL DAILY ACTS UNTIL CONCRETE SOLUTIONS WERE
FOUND.

COMMENT: MOST PEOPLE CANNOT UNDERSTAND HY THE PRESIDENT
FAILED TO MENTION IN HIS SPEECH (REFTE YC) THE STEPS
OUTLINED IN HIS LETTER TO THE UNION, ESPECIALLY
SINCE KOTH WERE DELIVERED ON JAN 16. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT
LAMIZANA WAS UNAWARE OF THE UNION TRACT UNTIL AFTER HE HAD
DELIVERED HIS ADDRESS. IN ANY EVENT HIS LATEST ACTION
SHOULD SERVE TO WEAKEN THE ARGUMENTS ADVANCED IN THE UNION
TRACT (REFTEL B).
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